

HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

Local Items of Interest From All Parts of the Green Mountain State.

THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

From the Island in the Lake to the Passumpsic, Along Otter Creek and by the Shores of White River.

ADDISON COUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.

Mrs. Charles Rand of Holyoke, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Amelia Conover, on Seminary street. John C. Miller, court stenographer in Boston, who graduated from Middlebury College with the class of 1882, is with Mrs. Miller, visiting old friends here for a month. Miss Susan Hinkley and Miss Lucy Hinkley returned Friday from a 10 days' stay at "The Lodge," Basin Harbor on Lake Champlain. Mrs. Marcus Allen of New York is in town to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckley, of North Pleasant street. Mrs. Matthew Calhoun of Boston is visiting Mr. Calhoun's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Calhoun, of South street. News was received Saturday evening that President John M. Thomas is progressing finely and that there is hardly any doubt now of his ultimate and speedy recovery. No word was heard on Saturday as to the possible whereabouts of Antonio DiStefano, who on Wednesday stabbed Louis Scialoja near the Salisbury depot. Reports from the hospital in Rutland, where Scialoja is being cared for, are to the effect that he is getting along all right and is now practically out of danger, barring a slight possibility of blood poisoning. Charles G. Seely and family, who for several weeks have been at their summer home at Lunt Point, broke camp Saturday and returned to their home here. Fred Silas Allen and family returned to their home in Fair Haven, N. J., Saturday. Amos Thompson, who came here last fall from Addison and has since lived in the Lafayette tenement house on Franklin street, lost two dogs, which died entirely from poison. Mrs. Cyril Peck and family returned from the family home in Burlington Monday. Mrs. Brunell has returned to her home for several weeks at the hospital for nervous disease. The Perkins boy has been here since last spring with a badly broken ankle, from which he had suffered from childhood. As the result of an operation it is believed that the boy will have a perfect leg, although some bone had to be removed. The leg is likely to be somewhat shorter than the other. Both Mrs. Brunell and the boy were detained in the hospital longer than necessary on account of the quarantine for the small pox, which disease the Perkins boy had, but is fully recovered from. Fred A. Hughes returned to Rochester Sunday night after a week's stay here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, of College street. Mrs. Hughes and young child will remain in town until after the fair. Mrs. L. J. Gorham and Kenneth Gorham, her youngest son, returned to New York City. Mr. and Mrs. James Dumas were called to Shoreham Saturday night by the serious illness of Mr. Dumas's father, a former resident of this village. William Phelps Northrup, managing editor of the Buffalo Daily Express, called here last week in consequence of the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Susan J. Northrup, accompanied by Mrs. Northrup left for Buffalo Thursday noon. The house lately occupied by Mrs. Northrup on College street was sold on Thursday to Miss Adeline Kellogg of Cream Hill, Shoreham, the price paid being \$2,200. Mrs. Marion Thomas, who has been for several weeks at her son's summer home on Lake Island, has returned to town and will soon reopen her home on Franklin street. Caleb Reader returned on Thursday to Somerville, Mass. Miss Edna Jennings and Mr. Elsworth C. Cushman, both recently of Middlebury, were married at the home of the bride in Haverhill, Mass., at six o'clock Thursday evening. The young people expect to make their future home in Haverhill. Miss Mary Carr is in Shoreham to visit Miss Ethel Belding. Miss Clara Bruya, who for several years has been in the employ of Miss Laura A. Goodrich in her millinery store, has purchased the business and good will of Miss Goodrich and on Monday took possession of the store in the Dyer block which Miss Goodrich has conducted for the past 14 years. In accordance with the recommendation of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, Postmaster L. A. Skiff announced that beginning on Sunday, August 20, the Middlebury letter carriers will be required to report for duty at the postoffice on Sunday morning and that there will be no Sunday delivery of mail through the carrier's windows. A clerk will be detailed to open the mails, get out special delivery matter and distribute all box mail. Special delivery letters will be delivered and patrons having lock boxes can get their mail as usual during the morning. Box holders can receive mail through their boxes on Sunday and have it delivered by carriers only from 12 to 12:30 o'clock on week days. The office will be open from 12 to 12:30 o'clock for the recommendation of box holders and transients, and the sale of stamps. The office will not be open in the evening as formerly. Sunday collections will be made and mailed despatched as usual. Mrs. Clara Pitts, widow of the late William Pitts, died at the home of her son, George Pitts, on New Haven river August 13, at the age of 87 years. She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. H. L.

Johnson of Burlington, Mrs. Frank Byron of Lockport, N. Y., William Pitts of Rhode Island and George Pitts, where she has made her home. The funeral was held at her late home Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial was in the Hammond cemetery in the east part of Middlebury.

The third summer session of Middlebury college came to a close with the final examinations on Friday. This session, under the direction of Dr. M. D. Collins, has been most successful both in enrollment of students and in the character of the student body. The total registration was 110, of whom 23 were teachers and 61 were studying for credits, either towards a college degree or a higher degree. The establishment of a professional school of music, with F. H. Shepard at the head, was an innovation of the session; 11 students have been enrolled in music courses wholly, others have elected some of the courses and the choral society has had the benefit of trained leadership. The facilities provided by the department of pedagogy of the college were appreciated by the teachers and there was a general election of pedagogical courses. This summer session has had a steady development and growth in patronage since its establishment in 1909. It has been from the first the largest summer school in Vermont. The school pupils and the professors have had many delightful excursions on the Saturdays during the term, under the direction of Prof. S. A. Loring of Easton, Vt. One of the points visited being the Adirondacks and Lake George. Grand View Mountain, Lake Champlain, Lake Umbagog and the Bread Loaf Inn in Ripton.

A pretty and quiet wedding was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at eight o'clock Monday morning when Miss Maude Liberty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phoebe Liberty of Rutland, formerly of this village, was united in marriage to John Doolittle of Lincoln. Miss Julia Liberty of this village, an aunt of the bride, was the bridesmaid and a brother of the groom was the best man. The Rev. J. D. Shannon, pastor of the church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle took a mail train south for a wedding trip. On their return they will make their home in Lincoln. The young couple were recipients of a large number of presents from many friends. The cattle shipment from this section Monday consisted of three carloads of cows, calves and hogs for the New York and Boston markets. Monday, August 14, was brought 25 cents on butter 2 to 2 1/2. Mrs. Charles Chapman and son, Arnold, of Newbury, N. Y., are guests of her sister, Mrs. Frank LaPan, and family. Mrs. Edson Burns, who lives in the east part of the town, fell at her home Sunday evening and broke her right limb at the ankle. The Lafayette shoe company has sold out their business here to Lafayette and Morgan, who will continue to operate the business. Night Watchman Jerry DeGraw, who has been on a two weeks' vacation, resumed duty Monday night. John Q. Porter is in Westport, N. Y., where he took a string of trotters, entered for the race around the pond here. Ladd Miner of Bridport went to a distant pasture on Saturday evening to look after some cattle, the saddle girth broke and he was thrown to the ground, striking on his head. As he did not return home within a reasonable time

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SNATCHED FROM DEATH'S GRASP

Daring Aviators Trifle with Grim Reaper, Gliding High above the Earth.

THREE NARROW ESCAPES

Stone, Beachey and Gill Startle Crowd with Hair-Raising Stunts—Former Falls into the Lake.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Arthur Stone, driver of a Queen monoplane, was snatched back from death at the international aviation meet here today after hopes for his life had been given up. Howard Gill came almost as close to death, but escaped unhurt from under the wreck of his machine.

Lincoln Beachey, after being driven far to the south and fighting his way back above the field, glided 3,000 feet in safety to the earth after his engine had stopped suddenly. Stone's machine fell into the lake just at dusk. He leaped from the falling plane and was rescued, at the point of exhaustion, by a motor boat after he had supported himself in the water for more than half an hour. His body was not recovered.

Stone was rescued with a broken arm and a broken leg. The machine of his wife that he was flying was also in the air. Stone was a life preserver. In spite of the order that all flyers should wear life preservers, Stone, with others, started for their machines unprepared. Mrs. Stone ran from the bank just before the flight and insisted that her husband wait, while she tied an inflated automobile tire about his shoulders. Unmoved by the deaths yesterday of William R. Badger and St. Croix Johnston and deterred by a high wind, many of the flyers here protested against going on, and urged the contest committee that the aeroplanes could not be controlled in the half gale that prevailed in the upper gale. The judges were insistent, and finally half a dozen flyers rose for a cross-water race from the shore around the Carter H. Harrison cove, three and a half miles out.

Thomas Sopwith had completed the second lap of the race and been declared winner, when a cry arose that Stone's machine had fallen into the water and that the aviator was drowned. It was reported that Stone was adrift, and then a rumor came that a tug was bringing his body to shore. None of these could be verified, and Stone's fate was unknown until Commodore James Fuchs's motor boat, Disturber II, reached the Chicago Yacht club's landing with Stone alive and well.

Reports that Stone had been drowned were flashed to the press. Almost the first to hear of his disappearance was his wife, Mrs. Irene Stone, who, with her baby, awaited Stone's return from the race far over the lake. Then Robinson, hydroplane pilot of the Curtiss team, darted in, and told that he had been unable to find any trace of the missing aviator.

Mrs. Stone began to weep. She turned over the child to a friend. "Here, take the baby," she exclaimed. "I'm going out to the lake and help find Arthur."

As Mrs. Stone darted out from a group of friends who sought to hinder her, she returned to the hotel, an automobile came from the lake front and assured Mrs. Stone that her husband had been picked up alive.

Howard Gill of the Wright team promised the first feature of a Roman holiday when his baby Wright, suddenly snatched by a gust as it skimmed over the ground after a perfect landing, toppled over with terrific force. Gill was pinned for an instant among tangled wires and tant canvas. Before startled spectators had reached him, he dug himself from the ruins. The first man to the wreck grasped Gill's hand.

"We thought you were killed," exclaimed the spectator. "Now, I'm not even hurt," replied Gill, digging the dirt from his eyes, "but look at this machine! It's a wreck."

Gill probably owes his life to the new feature of construction employed in the baby Wright biplane. The engine instead of resting in the rear of the cockpit is fixed to one side.

The effect of Tuesday's tragedies was manifest both upon aviators and spectators. There was a noticeably smaller attendance. On the field and at the hangars the flyers grouped and presented objections to further flying. Walter Brooks expressed the feeling of others.

"No individual dares refuse to fly," he said. "This is the case as an aviator of courage would be gone and he would be branded as a coward. Every man here feels the loss of Badger and Johnston and none wants to go up."

At the starting gun at 3:30 o'clock when usually a dozen machines are in the air, not one had started. Finally Beachey and Ward got up. Ward a minute later, and a lower level over the lake, whence he returned with difficulty. The machine went half around the field and descended. For two hours no other flyer attempted to rise.

Several events had been called off and despite the apparent success of Ward and Beachey, the pilots still expressed fear of flying. The contest committee tried to go on again. "We're still going to fly," they said.

Soon the race for speed about the course was called. Oxington talked to Chairman Mudd over the telephone. "You are not going to attempt to have us try the full course and bank those pylons are you?"

"That's up to the aviators," Mr. Mudd replied. "They know about conditions." "Yes, they thought they knew about conditions yesterday," replied Oxington. "and you know where two of them are today. We're still going to fly the full course, but it means certain death to attempt to bank those pylons."

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The plans of both railroads would be of much disadvantage to the other road, the railroad officials declared. E. W. Lawrence, attorney for the Rutland railroad, declared that the plans of the Central Vermont company were entirely out of reason as far as his road was concerned, both as to expense and to disposal of tracks.

WILEY FORCED TO TAKE BACK SEAT

Surrendered Authority to McCabe and Dunlap—Overruled in Two-Thirds of Decisions.

WILSON IGNORED APPEAL

Board Held Snap Meeting in Wiley's Absence and Decided Important Labeling Question on Short Notice.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, testified before the House investigating committee today that he has surrendered practically all of his authority for enforcing the pure food law to Dr. P. L. Dunlap, associate chemist, and George P. McCabe, solicitor of the agricultural department. Overruled in two-thirds of the cases, he had brought before the foods and drugs inspection board, composed of these two men and himself, he declared that he had found it useless to appeal to Secretary Wilson and had not even received an answer to one of the most important appeals he had made to the secretary.

Dr. Wiley, summoned before the committee to tell of his connection with the employment of Dr. H. H. Rusby on an alleged illegal contract, gave to the committee the most illuminating information that has been developed in the investigation now being made of the agricultural department.

He testified he had never received the letter from Dr. Rusby which was used by the personnel board to prove that he knew about the Rusby contract. He said that in writing this letter the personnel board had omitted its most essential portion, namely, the statement of Dr. Rusby that "We have agreed upon the following arrangement as fair and satisfactory, if approved by the department."

Dr. Wiley said that Solicitor McCabe held the decisive vote on the board of food and drug inspection. When Dr. Wiley and Dr. Dunlap disagreed on questions of chemistry, it was McCabe who decided whether a prosecution should be made. In fully 100 cases, said Wiley, he and Dunlap had voted together and McCabe had disagreed with them. Dunlap changed his vote to agree with McCabe.

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